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Dear Sirs:

The storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mt. is an absolute necessity. It is a sufficiently safe thing to do to dispel any doubts about it's being the proper thing to do, I believe that most of the propaganda against using Yucca Mt. is fostered by the hydrocarbon industry and foreign countries or terrorist groups that want the U.S. to be dependent on over seas crude oil.

The advantages of building large numbers of nuclear power generating plants are :

- (1) Greatly reduce air pollution. In addition to the reduction of hydrocarbon burning for electrical production, relatively low cost electricity as compared to gasoline costs will cause a slow increase in the number of electric automobiles and trains.
- (2) The burning of hydrocarbons is a waste of valuable resources that have a much better use to us and to future generations.
- (3) Reducing the import of oil will greatly reduce the unfavorable balance of payment to foreign trade.
- (4) It will greatly reduce our dependence on foreign oil should confrontation occur.
- (5) It will boost our economy by reducing the amount of money people spend on gasoline and natural gas.

Expanding foreign economies and slowly decreasing availabilities of crude oil and natural gas are leading the world toward a super crisis unless we immediately begin to build large numbers of nuclear power plants and hydro-electric plants.

Very truly yours,

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